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H. NAC 3569, DTG 260955Z SEP 75

BEGIN SUMMARY. IN REF C WE PROVIDED OUR PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON
AGENDA ITEMS FOR SUBJECT MEETING. WE UPDATE OUR COMMENTS AND

RECOMMEND US POSITIONS ON EACH AGENDA ITEM. END SUMMARY.

1. BY REF A NJCEC CHAIRMAN TRANSMITTED AGENDA FOR SUBJECT MEETING. HE WILL SEND A MESSAGE CHANGE INCORPORATING US STATEMENT ON COMSEC (REF B) AND IDENTIFYING SOME REFERENCED DOCUMENTS TRANSMITTED BY MESSAGE. WE PROVIDED PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS IN REF C, AND IN PARAGRAPHS BELOW WE UPDATE OUR EARLIER COMMENTS AND RECOMMEND US POSITIONS.

2. ISSUES FOR NJCEC CONSIDERATION DEVELOPED SLOWLY THIS FALL, AS EVIDENCED BY NUMBER OF REFERENCE DOCUMENTS REQUIRING DISTRIBUTION BY MESSAGE. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT THE EXTENDED DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN NICSMA AND SHAPE OFFICIALS ON SEVERAL OF THESE PROBLEMS YIELDED EITHER RESOLUTION OR CLEAR DEFINITION OF THE DIFFERENCES. MOST ALLIED NATIONS HAVE NOT YET FORMED POSITIONS ON ALL ITEMS. FRG, FOR EXAMPLE, WILL NOT DECIDE ITS POSITIONS UNTIL OCT 13 OR 14. HOWEVER, WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY MAJOR DIFFERENCES AT THIS TIME BETWEEN OUR VIEWS AND THOSE OF OTHER DELEGATIONS.

3. ITEM I, NICS IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS REPORT. DG NICSMA WILL HIGHLIGHT CHANGES IN NICS PROGRESS SINCE THE LAST UPDATE OF THE NICS "BLUE BOOK" IN JULY 1975. PRIOR TO OCT 13 WE SHALL REPORT MORE DETAIL ON HIS EXPECTED REMARKS. CURRENTLY, WE EXPECT THAT HE WILL REPORT THE FOLLOWING, AMONG OTHER ITEMS:

A. NETHERLANDS HAS PROTESTED NICSMA'S DETERMINATION THAT

THE PHILIPS BID ON THE TARE IS NON-COMPLIANT.

B. NICSMA RECEIVED THREE BIDS FOR THE IVSN ACCESS SWITCHES. EVALUATION IS IN PROGRESS, AND NICSMA EXPECTS TO AWARD A CONTRACT IN FEB OR MARCH 1976.

C. NICSMA PLANS TO RELEASE THE SATELLITE GROUND TERMINAL, PHASE II, INVITATION FOR BIDS ON DEC 1, 1975.
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D. GERMANY RELEASED THE CIP-67 INVITATION FOR BIDS DURING WEEK OF SEP 29, 1975.

WE ALSO EXPECT THAT THE UK REP TO THE NJCEC WILL COMMENT THAT THE NICS COSTS SHOWN IN THE "BLUE BOOK" APPEAR TO BE BASED ON 1972 PRICES; HE WILL ASK THAT COSTS BE UPDATED TO REFLECT 1975 PRICES. THE APPARENT INTENT IS TO SHOW THAT NICS IN FACT HAS A PROJECTED FUNDING SHORT-FALL.

4. ITEM II, DEFINITION OF NICS. TURKISH REP MAY ASK NJCEC TO INCLUDE REFERENCE TO SHAPE TECHNICAL CENTER REPORT TR-86 IN DEFINITION OF NICS. OTHER ALLIED REPS AT JCEWG RESISTED THIS CONNECTION, A POINT MADE CLEAR TO THE TURKISH MEMBER.

HE HAS AGREED TO ATTEMPT TO DISSUADE HIS AUTHORITIES FROM RAISING THE ISSUE AT THE NJCEC. OTHER ALLIES DO NOT WANT NICS TO BE BOUND TO TR-86. "LEGAL" ARGUMENT WHICH IS USED IS THAT TR-86 HAS NEVER BEEN APPROVED SPECIFICALLY BY NAC OR DPC AS THE BASIS FOR NICS; THEREFORE, WE HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO INCORPORATE IT NOW. RECOMMENDED POSITION: AGREE AC/270-D/128 AS IT IS.

5. ITEM III(A), NICS MASTER PLAN. PRIOR TO OCT 13, WE SHALL REPORT DETAILS OF REMARKS WE EXPECT DG NICSMA TO MAKE ON THIS ITEM. WE HAVE NO COMMENTS AT THIS TIME.

6. ITEM III(B), NICS CONFIGURATION AND FUNDING. AT JCEWG MEETING SEP 29, 1975, NICSMA REP REPORTED THAT LATEST COST ESTIMATES FOR SATELLITE GROUND TERMINAL (SGT) PROGRAM ABOUT EQUAL FUNDS ALLOCATED TO IT. CONSEQUENTLY, THE POSSIBILITY OF COST REDUCTIONS IN SGT II MODIFICATIONS PROVIDING FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT (SEE PARA 5(A), NICSMA/MR(75)16) NO LONGER EXISTS. THE CHAIRMAN JCEWG REPORTED THAT THE NORWEGIAN RESERVATION ON THE SGT FOR VERONA REMAINS. THE MILITARY COMMITTEE NOW IS EXAMINING THE MILITARY REQUIREMENT. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE ISSUE WILL BE RESOLVED BEFORE THE NJCEC MEETING. RECOMMENDED POSITION: ACCEPT NICSMA'S RECOMMENDATIONS IN PARA 6 OF NICSMA/MR(75)16. IF NORWAY HAS NOT LIFTED ITS RESERVATION, MAKE STATEMENT URGING EARLY RESOLUTION TO AVOID DELAY OF SGT PROGRAM.

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7. ITEM III(C), CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR DOLCE. WE SUGGEST THAT DEFENSE COMMUNICATIONS FIELD OFFICE MAKE LOW-KEY OFFER TO NICSMA TO INVESTIGATE WAYS US MAY ASSIST IN EVENT DOLCE IS DELAYED. RECOMMENDED POSITION: NOTE POINTS IN PARA 6 OF NICSMA/MR(75)12.

8. ITEM III(D), US STATEMENT ON COMSEC. NOTE THIS CHANGE IN AGENDA. FYI. US STATEMENT APPEARS IN PART I (FRENCH PARTICIPATION) BECAUSE OF ITS STANDARDIZATION IMPLICATIONS. END FYI.

9. ITEM III(E), TECHNICAL INTEGRATION OF NICS SUB-SYSTEMS. SOME MEMBERS OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE P AND P COMMITTEE DID NOT ACCEPT THE TWO-CONTRACTOR "SHOOT OUT" NICSMA PROPOSED IN NICSMA/MR(75)18. THEY DID ACCEPT, TENTATIVELY, A PROCEDURE IN WHICH NICSMA WILL SELECT A SINGLE CONTRACTOR TO ASSIST IN PHASE I OF THE SUB-SYSTEM INTEGRATION PROJECT. THIS PROCEDURE ALLOWS WAIVING NORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING RULES IN FAVOR OF A COST-PERFORMANCE SELECTION. NICSMA CURRENTLY IS REFINING THIS CONCEPT FOR P AND P COMMITTEE APPROVAL. NICSMA HOPES TO OBTAIN APPROVAL VERY SOON. IF NOT, THE DG NICSMA WILL PRESENT THE PROBLEM TO THE NJCEC. OTHERWISE, HE WILL REPORT ON THE RESULTS. NICSMA IMPOSES THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA ON THE SOLUTION:

A. IT MUST LEAD TO COMPLETION OF THE INTEGRATION PROJECT
(PHASES I AND II) BY JAN 78.

B. IT MUST CONFORM TO INFRASTRUCTURE CRITERIA AND PRO-
CEDURES TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT FEASIBLE.

C. IT MUST BE ONE WHICH NICSMA CAN HANDLE ADMINISTRATIVELY
(I.E., OFFICE SPACE, SECURITY, SUPERVISION, ETC.).

RECOMMENDED POSITION: IF ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION REACHED, NOTE DG
NICASMA REPORT. WE SHALL REPORT AND RECOMMEND IF AGREEMENT
NOT REACHED IN P AND P COMMITTEE.

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10. ITEM IV, MARITIME INTEROPERABILITY.

A. DG NICSMA WILL REPORT ON LATEST MEETING OF MARITIME INTER-
OPERABILITY WORKING GROUP (MIWG). HE MAY BRING OUT MIWG CONCLUSION
THAT MARITIME SATCOM INTEROPERABILITY IS INSEPARABLE FROM SATCOM
INTEROPERABILITY IN GENERAL AND MUST BE ADDRESSED IN THE BROADER
CONTEXT. HE ALSO MAY REPORT ON AGREEMENTS REACHED TO CONDUCT
INTEROPERABILITY TESTS BETWEEN THE UK AND SHAPE TECHNICAL CENTER

AND BETWEEN A NATO SGT AND A US SHIP.

B. THE MIWG DID NOT SET A DATE FOR ITS NEXT MEETING.
WE UNDERSTAND THAT NICSMA MAY SEND A MESSAGE TO PARENT
ORGANIZATIONS OF MIWG MEMBERS IDENTIFYING TASKS TO BE DONE AND
SUGGESTING THAT THE NEAR-TERM TASKS CAN BE DONE THROUGH THE
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ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED WITHOUT RESORT TO A FORMALIZED WORKING
GROUP. WE BELIEVE THAT NICSMA SHOULD PURSUE THIS APPROACH.
IT ELIMINATES A WORKING GROUP WHICH OVERLAPS SOMEWHAT WITH
THE SCWG, AND NICSMA'S TERMS OF REFERENCE COVER THIS TYPE OF
EFFORT. IF THE DG NICSMA DOES NOT SUGGEST DISBANDMENT OF THE
MIWG, THE US MAY CONSIDER SUGGESTING IT. IF SO, THE BASIS FOR
A US STATEMENT COULD BE THAT NICSMA'S TERMS OF REFERENCE
ARE ADEQUATE TO COVER THE NEAR-TERM SATCOM INTEROPERABILITY
TASKS AND THE SCWG IS CHARGED WITH INTEROPERABILITY OF FUTURE
SATCOM SYSTEMS. HENCE, THE MIWG APPEARS TO BE SUPERFLUOUS.
RECOMMENDED POSITION: NOTE DG NICSMA'S REPORT. IF APPROPRIATE,
PROPOSE DISBANDMENT OF MIWG.

1. ITEM V. INTERCONNECTION OF NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS
FACILITIES WITH NICS.

A. NICSMA WILL CIRCULATE MAPS TO ACCOMPANY APPENDIX 2
TO NICSMA-D/63, HAVING OMITTED THEM ORIGINALLY TO
CONSERVE PRINTING COSTS. NETHERLANDS REP TO NJCEC WILL QUESTION
NICSMA ON EXTENT NICSMA INVESTIGATED THE TECHNICAL TRANSMISSION
ASPECTS OF THE INTERCONNECTIONS PROPOSED IN D/63. HE WILL
CONTENTEND THAT GEOGRAPHICAL FEASIBILITY DOES NOT IMPLY TECHNICAL
FEASIBILITY OF INTERCONNECTION. REPORTEDLY, HE WILL WITHHOLD
NETHERLANDS ACCEPTANCE OF NICSMA-D/63 UNTIL NICSMA INVESTIGATES
THIS ASPECT. DG NICSMA PROBABLY WILL REPLY THAT THE NEXT STEP
IS TO CONSULT WITH NATIONS ON THE TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL
ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED INTERCONNECTIONS. THE DG WILL SEEK
NJCEC ENDORSEMENT OF THE APPROACH, NOT APPROVAL OF THE SPECIFIC
INTERCONNECTIONS.

B. WE NOTE THAT THE GUIDELINES PROPOSED IN PARA 34 OF
NICSMA-D/63 WOULD GIVE US DCS-NICS INTERCONNECTION A LOW
PRIORITY. RATIONALE IS THAT A "GUEST-NATION" SYSTEM SUCH AS
THE DCS MAY HAVE LESS PERMANENCY AND, THUS, POSES TOO GREAT
A RISK AS A PRIMARY PART OF NATO COMMUNICATIONS. (THE US
PROBLEMS IN TURKEY DOUBTLESS INFLUENCED THIS POSITION.) THE
PRIORITIES NICSMA LISTS WILL ALL BUT PRECLUDE NATO FINANCING
OF INTERCONNECTS BETWEEN NICS AND THE DCS. WE RECOMMEND THAT
THE US CHALLENGE THIS PRIORITY, INSISTING THAT USE
OF NATO SINGLE-STRAND SYSTEMS OR NATIONAL SYSTEMS ON OTHER
NATIONS' SOIL BE TREATED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.
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C. CYI. THE FRENCH SUBMITTED THEIR STATEMENT ON RELATIONSHIPS WITH NICS AND ACE HIGH TOO LATE FOR NJCEC ADDRESSAL. THE JCEWG HAS THIS PAPER UNDER CONSIDERATION, AND THE APPROPRIATE FINANCIAL COMMITTEES WILL BECOME INVOLVED. THUS, UNLESS THE FRENCH REP UNEXPECTEDLY BRINGS THIS ITEM UP, THE NJCEC WILL NOT ADDRESS IT. END FYI.

12. ITEM VI, NATO SATCOM PHASE 88. SHAPE WILL REPORT ON MOVEMENT OF NATO II B SATELLITE FROM PACIFIC TO ATLANTIC AND ITS RETURN TO NATO USE. NICSMA WILL REPORT THAT DISPUTE WITH STANDARD ELECTRIK LORENZ ON PHASE II SGT PROGRAM CONTINUES. RECOMMENDED POSITION: NOTE REPORTS.

13. ITEM VII (A), NATO SATCOM PROGRAM, PAHSE III, SPACE SEGMENT.

-. SAMSO REPS WILL BRIEF ON STATUS OF NATO III SATELLITE PROGRAM. THEY HAVE BEEN ASKED TO INCLUDE COMMENTS ON FEASIBILITY OF ACCELERATING LAUNCH OF FIRST SATELLITE FROM FEB 76 TO DEC 75 BECAUSE OF US DSCS II ATLANTIC SATELLITE FAILURE. WE DO NOT KNOW THE CONCLUSION SAMSO WILL REACH ON THIS QUESTION; ALTHOUGH SACLANT PROBABLY WILL URGE ACCELERATION IF THAT COURSE APPEARS FEASIBLE. RECOMMENDED POSITION: NOTE REPORT. JUDGE ACCELERATION OF NATO III A BASED ON SAMSO BRIEFING.

B. DG NICSMA WILL REPORT THAT EARLIER NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE US ON OUR USE OF A NATO III SATELLITE HAVE BEEN OVERTAKEN BY LOSS OF THE US DSCS II SATELLITE. RECOMMENDED POSITION; NOTE REPORT. IF US HAV DECIDED TO GRANT NATO LOWER LAUNCH COSTS, ANNOUNCE THAT FACT IF NICSMA HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO.

14. ITEM VII(B), GROUND SEGMENT, ICELEND SGT. DG NICSMA WILL REPORT ON DISCUSSIONS LEADING TO HIS REPORT (NICSMA/MR(75)21) TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE. HE WILL ASK NJCEC TO NOTE THE REPORT AND THE ACTIONS ON-GOING TO ESTABLISH THE ICELAND SGT. FYI. WE SENT CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS PARAGRAPHS OF NICSMA REPORT TO WASHINGTON IN USNATO 5333 (REF C). END FYI. TYPE B ESTIMATE FOR SGT PROJECT MUSH SHOW SOURCE OF MANNING FOR EACH NEW SITE. AGREEMENT BETWEEN NATO AND US IS NECESSARY FOR MANNING OF ICELAND SGT. THUS, NICSMA CONFIDENTIAL

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CANNOT COMPLETE TYPE B ESTIMATE UNTIL AGREEMENT IS REACHED. IF ISSUE IS STILL OUTSTANDING ON NJCEC MEETING DATE, US REP MAY WISH TO SEEK NJCEC STATEMENT URGING EARLY COMPLETION OF NEGOTIATIONS TO AVOID PROJECT DELAY. RECOMMENDED POSITION: NOTE NICSMA REPORT AND ON-GOING ACTION ON ICELAND SGT. IF APPROPRIATE, MAKE STATEMENT URGING EARLY COMPLETION OF AGREEMENT ON US MANNING OF THIS SGT.

15. ITEM VIII, FUTURE SATCOM PLANNING.

A. CHAIRMAN NJCEC DISTRIBUTED TEXT OF REPORT OF SATCOM WORKING GROUP (SCWG) BY MESSAGE NAC 3572 (REF E). THIS REPORT WILL BE ISSUED AS AC/270-D/130. DG NICSMA PROBABLY WILL MAKE STATEMENT EXPLAINING HIS RESERVATIONS ON THE ROLE OF THE SCWG.

B. THE CHAIRMAN, SCWG HAS GRAVE PRIVATE CONCERN THAT THE WORKING GROUP WILL NOT SHOW PROGRESS BECAUSE OF RELUCTANCE OF SHAPE TECHNICAL CENTER (STC) TO COOPERATE FULLY AND WILLINGLY. (HE CONSIDERS STC TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AND ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF THE SATCOM ADVISORY PANEL.) STC DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS (INCE) REPORTEDLY TOLD SCWG CHAIRMAN THAT STC RECEIVES TASKING ONLY FROM SHAPE AND CANNOT UNDERTAKE ANY WORK FOR THE ADVISORY PANEL. HE ALSO REPORTEDLY INTENDS TO CONTINUE INDEPENDENTLY UNDER TASK CANDE 75/8 (SEE PARA 5, USNATO 4296, REF F.) THIS STC ATTITUDE, COUPLED WITH NICSMA'S RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE SCWG (SEE FOOTNOTE TO PARA 7, NAC 3572), COULD WELL DOOM THE SCWG. WE BELIEVE THAT THE NJCEC SHOULD UNEQUIVOCALLY STATE ITS WILL TO BE THAT ALL APPROPRIATE NATIONAL AND NATO ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD COOPERATE TOWARD ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE SCWG AND THAT, IN PARTICULAR, DUPLICATIVE OR COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE EFFORTS WITHIN NATO CANNOT BE TOLERATED.

C. RECOMMENDED POSITION: AGREE POINTS IN PARA 13 OF SCWG REPORT (REF E). MAKE STATEMENT REGARDING COOPERATION WITH SCWG. FYI. WE SHALL SEND SEPTTEL WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND PROPOSED STATEMENT. END FYI.

16. ITEM IX, STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION OF COA AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF CONTROLLER.

A. THIS ITEM HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST CONTENTIOUS ISSUES
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BETWEEN SHAPE AND NICSMA. IT HAS ESCALATED TO THE TOP ECHELONS OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS, AND DISAGREEMENT REMAINS REGARDING THE CONCEPT OF OPERATING CONTROL (ANNEX C TO AC/270-D/129). WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE MAJOR UNRESOLVED ISSUE IS WHETHER THE SHAPE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, C-E (ACOS CANDE) OR ANOTHER SHAPE STAFF OFFICER SHOULD BE DESIGNATED THE CONTROLLER, CENTRAL OPERATING AUTHORITY. SHAPE WANTS TO DESIGNATE THE ACOS CANDE WHILE NICSMA OPPOSES THIS DUAL-HATTING. ANOTHER ISSUE, APPARENTLY SUBDUED IF NOT RESOLVED, IS THE NICS LOGISTICS CONCEPT, ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS THE NUMBER AND LOCATION OF REGIONAL DEPOTS. SHAPE AND NICSMA HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON EARLIER DIFFERENCES REGARDING THE ROLE AND STRUCTURE OF THE COA.

B. THE CHAIRMAN NJCEC, BY MESSAGE NAC 3575 (REF G), PROPOSES A SOLUTION WHICH SHOULD AVOID A PUBLIC CONFRONTATION BETWEEN SHAPE AND NICSMA. IF ADOPTED, HIS PROPOSAL WILL ALLOW THE COA TO BE PROVISIONALLY OPERATIONAL ON A SKELETON BASIS BEFORE JAN 1, 1976. IMPLIED IN THIS APPROACH IS THAT THE CONTROLLER,

COA WILL BE AN OFFICER OF LESS RANK THAN THE ACOS CANDE, THEREBY SIDESTEPPING THE DUAL-HATTING PROBLEM FOR THE PRESENT. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS APPROACH HAS MERIT NOT ONLY IN AVOIDING A CONFRONTATION BUT ALSO IN GIVING TIME FOR SHAPE AND NICSMA TO GAIN EXPERIENCE SO BOTH CAN ADDRESS THE OPERATING CONTROL CONCEPT MORE OBJECTIVELY. WE BELIEVE THAT SACLANT, NICSMA, AND THE OTHER ALLIED NATIONS WILL AGREE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN PARA 9 OF NAC 3575. SHAPE MAY ARGUE FOR NJCEC AGREEMENT TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN ITS PAPER, ISSUED UNDER AC/270-D/129.

C. RECOMMENDED POSITION: AGREE RECOMMENDATIONS OF CHAIRMAN NJCEC IN PARA 9, NAC 3575 (REF G).

17. ITEM X, NICS TRAINING AND SOFTWARE FACILITIES.

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A. BY MESSAGE NAC 3569 (REF H), CHAIRMAN NJCEC SENT CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF NICSMA STUDY ON THE LOCATION OF THE NICS TRAINING AND SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE CENTER. THE STUDY LEAVES UNSAID MOST OF THE FACTORS WHICH ACTUALLY INFLUENCED THE RECOMMENDATIONS. THE SHAPE STAFF HAS FOR SEVERAL YEARS WANTED TO MOVE THE NATO COMMUNICATIONS SCHOOL FROM LATINA, ITALY, THE PRIMARY REASONS ARE THE COMPARATIVELY POOR FACILITIES AND SUPPORT

ARRANGEMENTS. NICSMA CONSISTENTLY HAS WANTED A SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE FACILITY IN OR NEAR BRUSSELS. A JOINT TRAINING-SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE CENTER IN THE NETHERLANDS WOULD SATISFY BOTH OF THESE DESIRES, SO SHAPE AND NICSMA STAFF EASILY CONCLUDED THAT THE NETHERLANDS SITE IS BEST.

B. AS A COUNTER, ITALY OFFERED TO RENOVATE THE LATINA
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FACILITIES AND TO CORRECT OTHER DEFICIENCIES SHAPE IDENTIFIED. GIVEN THIS CONCESSION BY ITALY, SACEUR DECIDED THAT THERE WAS NO BASIS TO CLOSE THE LATINA SCHOOL, AND NICS TRAINING THEREFORE SHOULD BE CONDUCTED THERE. WITH THE SCHOOL SITE FIXED AT LATINA, NICSMA READILY CONCLUDED THAT THE SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE FACILITY SHOULD BE IN THE BASEMENT OF ITS BUILDING. THE RATIONALE IS THAT (1) LATINA IS TOO FAR REMOVED, (2) A JOINT TRAINING-SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE FACILITY IS INEFFICIENT (US EXPERIENCE SUPPORTS THIS), AND (3) NICSMA'S BUILDING HAS SUFFICIENT SPACE.

C. THIS SOLUTION REQUIRES PURCHASE OF AN ADDITIONAL SET OF EQUIPMENT (TARE, ACCESS SWITCH, ETC.). SHAPE RECOMMENDED IAU 1.26 MILLION IN SLICE XXVII, ANTICIPATING A NEW NETHERLANDS FACILITY. NICSMA PROPOSES THIS MONEY TO PAY FOR THE ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT.

D. THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE NICSMA STUDY DO NOT FOLLOW WITH TRUE OBJECTIVITY FROM THE FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS IN THE STUDY. HOWEVER, THEY PROBABLY ARE THE MOST REASONABLE, GIVEN ALL THE FACTS AND CONDITIONS, STATED AND UNSTATED. NICSMA IS NOW INVESTIGATING A MODIFICATION, THIS BEING TO LOCATE THE SOFTWARE FACILITY AT NATO HEADQUARTERS ADJACENT TO THE OPERATIONAL TARE. THIS LOCATION WOULD ECONOMIZE ON OVERHEAD AND WOULD PROVIDE A DEGREE OF BACK-UP FOR THE OPERATIONAL TARE.

E. RECOMMENDED POSITION: AGREE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN PARA 3 OF NAC 3569 (REF H) WITH LAST PHRASE OF PARA 3(D) MODIFIED TO READ, "... OF SUCH EQUIPMENT IN OR NEAR THE NICSMA BUILDING;".

18. ITEM XI, NICSMA PERSONNEL ESTABLISHMENT. USNATO REPS MET WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, NICSMA TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE WE SHALL SEND OUR RECOMMENDATIONS BY SEPTTEL.

19. ITEM XII, MANNING OF NICS. NICSMA AND MNCS GENERALLY RECOGNIZE THAT ALLIED NATIONS ARE UNWILLING AT THIS TIME TO PROVIDE MORE PERSONNEL FOR NATO ORGANIZATIONS, THEY RECOGNIZE THAT THEY MUST MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO FIND OFFSETS FOR PERSONNEL TO MAN NICS. DG NICSMA, IN HIS STATEMENT, PROBABLY WILL RECOGNIZE THIS FACT BUT WILL WARN THAT PERSONNEL FOR NICS MUST BE MADE
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AVAILABLE EARLY ENOUGH TO UNDERGO TRAINING. OTHERWISE, NICS FACILITIES WILL BE INSTALLED BUT INOPERABLE. HE MAY ALSO REPORT THAT THE TEAM PERFORMING THE MILITARY COMMITTEE-SPONSORED MANPOWER SURVEY OF C-E ORGANIZATIONS HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO STUDY, IN PARTICULAR, SOURCES FOR OFFSETS FOR NICS MANNING. RECOMMENDED POSITION: NOTE STATEMENT BY DG NICSMA.

20. ITEM XIII, CONSOLIDATION OF COMMUNICATIONS. JCEWG, ON OCT 2, COMPLETED A REPORT TO NJCEC ON THIS SUBJECT. CHAIRMAN, JCEWG WILL SEND IT TO NJCEC MEMBERS BY MESSAGE. THIS REPORT SUMMARIZES CONSOLIDATION AND INTERCONNECTION PROJECTS TO DATE (LARGELY THOSE REPORTED BY THE US) AND COMMENTS THAT LARGE-SCALE CONSOLIDATION IS POSSIBLE ONLY WHEN PLANNED DURING INITIAL STAGES OF A COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT. THE REPORT INVITES NJCEC TO NOTE THE PROGRESS REPORT, FORWARD IT TO THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP, AND INFORM THE EWG THAT HENCEFORTH THE NJCEC WILL NORMALLY REPORT ANNUALLY ON PROGRESS IN CONSOLIDATION OF COMMUNICATIONS. RECOMMENDED POSITION: AGREE TO JCEWG RECOMMENDATIONS WITH COMMENT COOVERING, INTER ALIA, FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. US FIRMLY SUPPORTS RATIONALIZATION AND STANDARDIZATION.

B. NATO AND SEVERAL ALLIED NATIONS HAVE NEW COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS UNDER DEVELOPMENT, SO WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEEK STANDARDIZATION AND CONSOLIDATION.

C. THE US HOPES THAT THE ALLIANCE CAN ACHIEVE THIS GOAL SO THAT THE MEMBER NATIONS CAN ACHIEVE BETTER RATIONALIZATION IN THE FUTURE.

21. ITEM XIV, ANY OTHER BUSINESS. NONE KNOWN AT THIS TIME.

2. FYI. BY MESSAGE OF OCT 3, 1975 SECRETARY, NJCEC ASKED THAT REPRESENTATIVES PLANNING TO MAKE FORMAL STATEMENTS AT MEETING SEND HIM TWO COPIES OF TEXT BEFORE OCT 17, 1975. END FYI.STREATOR

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